



Black Hills Chapter

November 2024

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Sturgis Vets Club

November 24th, 2024 - 12 noon

Presidents Report:

Well, the elections are over and one half of the country is pissed off. We will have several new officials to work with, so it will be very important to make your voice heard. If you don't speak up your needs will not be known.

We have had a lot of nice riding days this fall but do watch for critters and road conditions.

I hope everyone had a good Veterans Day celebration and remembered those that served to make us free.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Remember all that we have to be thankful for. Enjoy the feast (don't eat to much).

See you all at the meeting on Sunday, November 24th at Noon at the Sturgis Vets Club.

Ride Safe and Ride Free

Darlene

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**We will be meeting at Vet's Club
for breakfast on December 1st at
10:00 am.
(see the enclosed flyer)**



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- Sturgis Motorcycle Museum
- Tattoo Cellar

Announcements:

- Nov 24th—BH ABATE Meeting—12 noon—Vets Club
- Nov 25th—CMA Meeting—N Haines Ave Hardees
- Dec 2nd—BHAB Shopping for the Forgotten—6:30 pm
- Dec 3rd—BHAB Wrapping for the Forgotten—6:30 pm
- Dec 7th—Rushmore Hall of Fame Banquet
- Dec 10th- Rushmore ABATE Meeting—7 pm—Eagles
- Dec 14th—CMA Meeting—N Haines Hardees
- Dec 17th—Eagle Riders Meeting—6:30 pm
- Dec 25th—*Christmas Day*
- Dec 29th—BH ABATE Meeting—12 noon—Vets Club
- Dec 31st—*New Years Eve*

November

John Addy Kickstands

December

John Crain Deb Greer
Melissa Meverden Bob Walker
Matthew Woodard

Current Membership:

115 Members 26 Affiliates

Secretary's Report:

The BH ABATE meeting of 10-20-2024 was called to order by Pres Darlene. Pledge of Allegiance was led by all. A moment of silence & prayer was led by CMA Barbie.

ROLL CALL: All present!!

MINUTES: The September minutes were opposed for correction by Lisa. Addendum to September minutes regarding the State Rep. report regarding the state by-laws & policies. Lisa had brought a copy of the proposed/suggested changes to the state by-laws & policies that have not been approved of yet. It was falsely stated new instead of proposed. Secondly, the finance report came from the Finance Committee from State & not Lisa.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Darlene read an article from MRF, "50 years of Motorcycling Rights". What we have been working on & fighting for has been going on for a long time.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report

SECRETARY: Nothing to report

TREASURE: Susan gave the financial report. Lisa made the motion to approve & Bob 2nd it. All approved.

SGT. AT ARMS: Nothing to report

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: We have 114 members & 25 affiliates. Bob got a new affiliate, Bad Cat Tattoo & 2 new members Holly & Steve Harrow (Sturgis Motorcycle Museum) & Cheryl P.

STATE REP: There were no suggestions for the policy & procedures manual & for the state by-laws. State is wanting to increase dues from \$25 to \$30 dollars. There are some chapters in East River/Sioux Falls area that are having an issue that we have business sponsors locally but not state sponsors. They feel that money needs to go to the state instead of local. Most of our sponsors are small businesses but our big businesses do sponsor the state. One of the Sioux Falls Chapter's president has an article that will be in the Freedom Flyer this month & Susan is going to write an article also. All ABATE chapters should be working together not striving for a competition. We had discussed early in the year to the increase to \$30. All members present approved it again.

The State is still needing suggestions for a new state products manager & someone to take over the Silent Auction at Legislation Days. Let Lisa know & she will take it to the State meeting.

ROAD CAPTAIN: We have lost a few businesses that we have ridden to. We are heading to The Hideaway in Whitewood for lunch.

LRC: Nothing is happening right now. Everybody is waiting for until after elections.

Working Committees:

Sno Ball Dance: We are still waiting for information on the band. We were discussing how to run the silent auction.

Dart Tournament: September 27, 2025. Susan gave a final tally on the Dart Tournament. Bob had collected donations for it. After expenses we made a nice profit.

Moonlight Ride: July 12, 2025. Oahe would like to join us for this ride. It was discussed that we would meet them at Cactus Flats & ride through the Badlands to Wall. Then if anyone that wanted to stay in Wall for the night could.

Whitewood Social: August 7, 2025. The menu has not been decided yet. Barbie will bring receipts to the State at January's meeting from the meal. Susan is going to write a check for the left-over

drinks.

Lost Members Ride: Nothing at this time

Meet in the Middle: September 13, 2025

OLD BUSINESS Bob brought in the new membership stickers & handed them out. If anyone would like them, let Bob know. The welcome packets are on hold.

Lisa, Susan & Bob are working on the new by-laws for Black Hills ABATE.

Lisa is planning a Benefit Run to support The Children's Home Society. The date will be July 20, 2025. Kickstands up at 10 am. More information to follow. We will place a Save the Date on Facebook to get the word out. The Children's Home Society future new home will be located at NAU building on Hwy 16. They are selling the other 2 locations.

Lisa is also planning a Show & Shine on May 31st, 2025 from 11-3 pm at the Sturgis Vets Club. Registration will be at 10 am. There will be 3 classes awarded. Motorcycle, Cars & Pickups. More information to follow. Save the Date will be placed on Facebook. We will have 3 judges.

Darlene will bring in her old book on the Share the Road program & Susan will talk with Jiggs & Brad about finding more information for Lisa.

NEW BUSINESS: Lisa has been talking with Rob of the Vets Club about hosting an Angel Tree for the Meade County School children. The trees will be placed at the Vets Club. The gifts will have to be delivered by Dec. 20, 2024. The family will be able to pick up the gifts at the Vets Club in Sturgis or the Piedmont Fire Department. We will wrap the gifts after receiving them.

We discussed & agreed to give make donations to Black Hills Area Bikers and Sturgis Meals on Wheels. Bob motioned & Holly 2nd.

We are changing the business checks to a smaller size. They need to be reordered as they are running low. Lisa motioned and Lee 2nd it. All approved.

Terry mentioned information about the Natl Council of Informed Riders Newsletter. Their website is Nationalcoir.org/media. Terry was wondering if we could use them for advertising.

Susan was asked if we were part of the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce & we weren't. It is \$125 yearly membership fee. Barbie motioned & Lisa 2nd to become members of the Chamber of Commerce. All approved.

Bob Vining from the COC was there about the COC Calendars. Lisa motioned & Bob 2nd. All agreed to give \$50 to sponsor them. We will receive 50 calendars in January 2025.

Terry is willing to put the trifolds out to advertise for us.

AFFILIATES OF THE MONTH

Keystone Convenience Store and Queen City VFW

50/50 of \$65. Bob won and donated \$30 to the Joe Wiley Fund. Bob motioned and Nick 2nd to adjourn the meeting.

We are still selling raffles for the Quilt. Please contact Susan if you would like some.

Holly Randall, Secretary

Happenings on the State Level:

Lisa Hatheway-Berry

November BOD was called to order by Vice Coordinator, led with a pledge. 12 chapters present, 2 absent, 1 excused, & 1 sub. Motion was moved & approved for the sub. 3 state officers present, 2 excused & 1 sub. Motion was made to nominate Angie Hill as the new state secretary officer & there was a unanimous vote, till election term. 1 appointed position were present, we have 2 vacant positions open; we lost our MRF State Rep Kelly DeVries in a motorcycle accident, & the Products Manager positions are vacant, we would like to have these filled, if you know of anyone that fit these positions, please reach out to your chapter representative. Those Guys representative stated that he had someone & told them to reach out to the coordinator & Oahe representative, stated that she did too.

Secretary's rept: Was given with corrections to the Sept minutes, was moved & motioned to accept the minutes with corrections.

Treasurer's report: Was given with amounts in the accounts, no bills addressed.

Membership Secretary's report: she is receiving checks from chapters & not sure what they are for. Make sure your memo states what they are for.

Newsletter Editor's rept: Was given with nothing new, she only has 100 people that receive the letter via email. She also stated that she has been working on getting West River Business supporters as it has been brought up that there are more East River business supporters. Susan you work very hard for not only our chapter but for the state. WE APPERICATE YOU!!!

Committee reports:

Promotions: No report given; one officer was going to reach out to Slack & Patti about this.

MRF Rep: Jiggs said that he will interim till it's filled. He stated that he will be reaching out to people to fill this position & to be assistant MRF Reps. There was 1 MRF sub there, he talked about the guardrails not built strong enough to hold the e-vehicles. The e-vehicles are not working in the dust, heavy rain etc. Congress sent a letter to Tesla saying that they are not reporting the accidents caused by e-vehicles nor if they are involved in accidents. WI ABATE celebrated 50 years this past October. Congratulations to them!!

IMPAC Legislative Officer: Vice Coordinator read a letter from the officer, he would like everyone to understand that there is a disclaimer in the newsletter, please read it. Basically, states that what is written in the newsletter is not necessarily the opinion of the editor nor any of the member or officers. \$5 gift cards for legislation, our annual breakfast in the capital. He does need to have volunteers to help in; Oahe will provide the lunch, but they cannot serve it & would like help in paying for it. And we do not have a location where this lunch will be,

there was some talk, but nothing has been finalized. 50/50 volunteer; thank-you card writing volunteers; table for state products; servers for the breakfast these need to be filled please let Doug know. Marcia stepped down from her position in IMPAC, Doug made a recommendation of an Oahe member Jessica to take her place. The contract with Lobbyist Dianna was signed. Dianna was present with a report for us for the upcoming session. We will have a new Governor when the session starts, but Governor elect Roden is very familiar with what happens as he was the Meade Co legislator. He is currently working as Lt. Governor to fill that position. With all the new representatives coming this year, they will be learning the ropes. There are going to be some tough issues coming up this session, non-dealing with ABATE but she did state that we still need to stay active in watching the motorcycle safety funding. The budget will be one of the biggest, with sales tax & contractor excise taxes is down, the budget has been depending on this. There is federal money sitting there that needs to be spent down by 26' we currently don't have any federal money coming in. They have also been using the unclaimed property money for the budget which they shouldn't be & shouldn't be dependent on it. As this is the people's money. The farm economy is down in our state, it's getting tougher to buy equipment with the prices of everything. Some major issues are not OUR fight but just FYI, the pipeline as ND said yes. The prison in Lincoln Co. they are short 2 million, they have 825 million now, but it could possibly go up to a billion with the cost of things. Education that is funded by sales tax is down. Then there are 4 lawsuits against our state right now. I didn't catch them all but I can look into them for you if you would like, the ones I did catch are in social services, & dept of health. She highly encourages every chapter to invite the representatives from their area to the meetings.

State Product Mgr.: None given, products are with Brad.

Finance: K-Bob suggested that there be a budget set, no motions were made. There was a discussion about how to market ourselves to get more members or get us out there. K-Bob stated that we should really be concerned about how this will affect the IMPAC fund, right now we are only ahead 1k, compared to our expenses to what we have coming in. Other states pay for their board, so that is why they increased their dues, we do NOT, we have volunteers, stated by a BOD representative. We pay for the millage, lodging & if the officers go to anything that might require airline. The second vote for the due increase will be in January 25' it is open to every member of ABATE, I highly encourage you to attend.

By-laws: Was tabled till next mtg as 2 other chapters did not get the proposed changes to the by-laws.

Happenings on the State Level: (Cont)

Lisa Hatheway-Berry

Old business:

Motorcycle awareness training & education grant: Jiggs gave a short report that he, Hillary (Vice Coordinator), & Brad (Coordinator) met with Brian Christianson who is the new supervisor of the safety council. It was discussed to make a digital map available for motorcyclists to use while riding in SD. Accidents did go up in SD this year, didn't get a number but I did ask if this was more because of people coming to Sturgis & not knowing our roads or how to ride them & Jiggs said no it was not. Accidents have been happening in the safety classes, maybe due to the structure of the area used, bikes etc. \$4-\$k is used for Accident Scene Mgmt. classes out of the safety fund. Think about that \$7 that you pay during registration, this is where it goes, it goes for a great cause in our state. Jiggs stated that he spoke with Vicki, & they would like to offer 2 beginner's classes in RC, SF, Pierre & Watertown. 2 advanced classes in RC & SF, 2 classes for emergency personnel in RC & SF.

Website: ABATESD.org is the new site. The domain cost was discussed, Those Guys Representative stated that he had it covered this year for \$40.

New Business:

State fund raiser: There is none.

Collaboration with Motorcycle Museum: Susan has been leaving off 4 to 5 Freedom newsletters. Jiggs stated that he will get

ahold of them & set up a luncheon to discuss this.

Name tags: Angie will need one as the state secretary.

Bikers inside the Beltway: Vice Coordinator Hilary brought up the 25' session of this. She stated that Jiggs would like to go, Brad State Coordinator was undecided, & herself. If there is anyone else that would like to attend, please let her know by January mtg. There might be another person going but undecided as of now.

The 6th BOD mtg was adjourned 1530

If you have any questions about the BOD mtgs or what is happening within our chapter, I highly recommend that you come to our meetings. We meet as a chapter once a month at the Vets Club in Sturgis and e/o month at the Moose in Ft. Pierre for the BOD.

At the state level we have the vote to raise dues & we also have legislation days in January. We will be discussing fund raising & upcoming events at our chapter meetings. We could use some VOLUNTEERS!!!

"this motorcycle is more than a machine"

Lisa Hatheway-Berry

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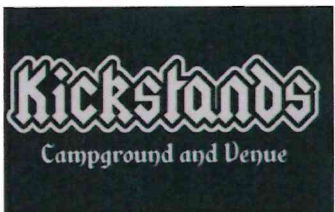
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November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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8	9	10 Rushmore ABATE Mtg—Eagles—7 pm	11	12	13	14 CMA Meeting - N Haines Hardees
15 Rushmore Holiday Train	16	17 Eagle Riders Meeting—6:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 	26	27	28
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